

**Stitches used:**

Chain (ch)  
Double crochet (dc)  
Slip stitch (sl st)  
Double crochet two together (dc2tog)  
Magic ring

Try out your amigurumi skills with our new best friend

# Marco the Monkey

There's never been a craze like amigurumi to have gained popularity with so many crocheters. If you fancy getting on board with this fab technique too, now's the time to start, as talented designer Irene Strange has created this mischievous monkey. Worked in separate pieces, it won't take you long to sew them all together, then let the fun begin!



## LGC says...

"I love how Irene has used pipe cleaners in the limbs to make Marco poseable for a more realistic effect"

Tanya Clark, Production Editor



# LGC kit, pipe cleaners, toy stuffing

## Marco the monkey

### head

**Round 1:** Using lemon yarn, make a magic ring for 6 sts, sl st in first st. (6 sts).

**Round 2:** 1 ch, work 2 dc into ea st,

sl st into first st. (12 sts).

**Round 3:** 1 ch, \*1 dc in first st, 2 dc in next st\* six times, sl st into first st. (18 sts).

**Round 4:** 1 ch, 1 dc in ea st around, sl st into first st. (18 sts).

**Round 5:** 1 ch, 1 dc in ea st around, sl st

into first st. (18 sts).

**Round 6:** Change to lime, work in front loops only, 1 ch, \*1 dc in first two sts, 2 dc in next st\* six times, sl st into first st. (24 sts).

**Round 7:** In both loops, 1 ch, six times \*1 dc in first three sts, 2 dc in next st\*, sl st into first st. (30 sts).

**Round 8:** 1 ch, \*1 dc in first four sts, 2 dc in next st\* six times, sl st into first st. (36 sts).

**Round 9:** 1 ch, \*1 dc in first five sts, 2 dc in next st\* six times, sl st into first st. (42 sts).

**Round 10:** 1 ch, 1 dc in ea st around, sl st into first st. (42 sts).

**Round 11:** 1 ch, 1 dc in ea st around, sl st into first st. (42 sts). If using safety eyes, add them here.

**Round 12:** 1 ch, \*1 dc in first five sts, dc2tog\* six times, sl st into first st. (36 sts).

**Round 13:** 1 ch, \*1 dc in first four sts, dc2tog\* six times, sl st into first st. (30 sts).

**Round 14:** 1 ch, \*1 dc in first three sts, dc2tog\* six times, sl st into first st. (24 sts).

**Round 15:** 1 ch, \*1 dc in first two sts, dc2tog\* six times, sl st into first st. (18 sts).

**Round 16:** 1 ch, \*1 dc in first st, dc2tog\* six times, sl st into first st. (12 sts).

**Round 17:** 1 ch, \*dc2tog\* six times. (6 sts).

Fasten off and sew up the opening.

### ears front

#### make 2

**Round 1:** Using lemon yarn, make a magic ring for 6 sts. (6 sts).

**Round 2:** Work 2 dc into ea st. (12 sts).

**Round 3:** Change to lime, \*1 dc in first st, 2 dc in next st\* six times. (18 sts).

**Round 4:** \*1 dc in first two sts, 2 dc in next st\* six times.

(24 sts).

Fasten off.

### ears back

#### make 2

**Round 1:** Using lime yarn, make a magic ring for 6 sts. (6 sts).

**Round 2:** Work 2 dc into ea st. (12 sts).

**Round 3:** \*1 dc in first st, 2 dc in next st\* six times. (18 sts).

**Round 4:** \*1 dc in first two sts, 2 dc in next st\* six times. (24 sts).

Fasten off.

### making up

Place the two halves together and either sew or join with a row of sl st.

Sew to the head, at either sides, embroider face, following the images for guidance. If required, use safety eyes or beads as alternatives.

### tail

**Round 1:** Using lime yarn, make a magic ring for 6 sts. (6 sts).

**Round 2-34:** Work 1 dc in ea st around. (6 sts).

Stop once the tail is as long as required and fasten off.

Insert pipe cleaner

into the tail instead of stuffing.

### body

Start in blue (trouser colour).

**Round 1:** Make a magic ring for 6 sts. (6 sts).

**Round 2:** Work 2 dc into ea st. (12 sts).

**Round 3:** \*1 dc in first st, 2 dc in next st\* six times. (18 sts).

**Round 4:** \*1 dc in first 2 st, 2 dc in next st\* six times (24 sts)

**Round 5:** 1 dc in ea st around. (24 sts).

**Round 6:** \*dc2tog, 1 dc in ea next 10 sts\* twice. (22 sts).

**Round 7:** Change to lime, \*dc2tog, 1 dc in ea next 9 sts\* twice. (20 sts).

**Round 8:** \*dc2tog, 1 dc in next 8 sts\* twice. (18 sts).

**Round 9:** dc2tog, 1 dc in ea rem st. (17 sts).

**Round 10:** dc2tog, 1 dc in ea rem st. (16 sts).

**Round 11:** dc2tog, 1 dc in ea rem st. (15 sts).

**Round 12:** 1 dc in ea st around. (15 sts).

**Round 13:** dc2tog, 1 dc in ea rem st. (14 sts).

**Round 14:** dc2tog, 1 dc in ea rem st. (13 sts).

**Round 15:** dc2tog, 1 dc in ea rem st. (12 sts).

Add toy stuffing, fasten off, sew to the head.

### hands

#### make 2

**Round 1:** Using lemon yarn, make a magic ring for 6 sts. (6 sts).

**Round 2:** Work 2 dc into ea st. (12 sts).

**Round 3:** \*1 dc in first st, 2 dc in next st\* six times. (18 sts).

**Round 4:** To make a thumb: 4 ch, start second ch from hook, 1 dc in ea rem ch.

Fold the circle in half as if sewing up, leave a small gap to use as beginning for arms, sl st into the other side of the circle.

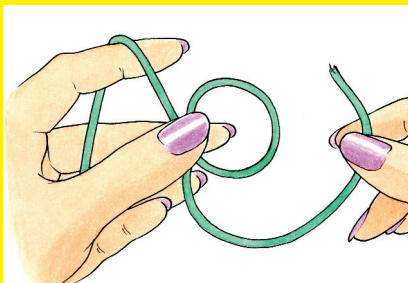
Work 5 dc around the gap – this is the beginning of the arm.

**Rounds 5-17:** 1 dc in ea st around. (5 sts).

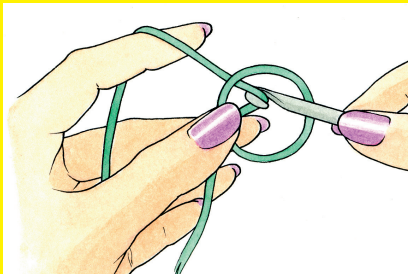
Fasten off, add a piece of pipe cleaner instead of stuffing into the arm and attach to the body.

## MAGIC RING

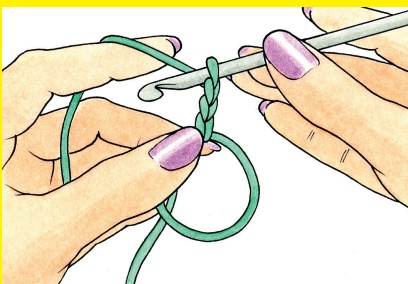
The magic ring is an easy way of beginning to work in the round. It is often used when making amigurumi toys



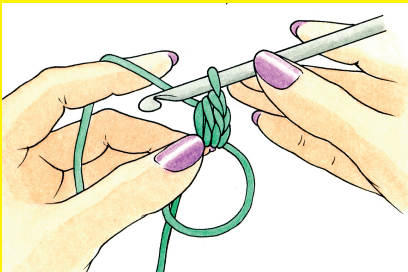
1 Make a large loop by putting the yarn tail behind the working yarn.



2 With your hook, draw the working yarn through the loop, so you have one loop on the hook.



3 3 ch (counts as first tr).tr into the loop, crocheting over the tail.



4 Continue to work as many trs as needed into the loop. Once finished, untwist the tail if necessary then pull to close the loop.







MEET  
OUR DESIGNER

"Amigurumi is one of my favourite techniques, it doesn't take long to master and the results are great every time"

Irene Strange is a graphic designer and crochet expert. She happened upon amigurumi quite accidentally and it is now her favourite technique

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issue...

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word up  
Amigurumi

Crocheted (sometimes knitted) dolls usually worked in double crochet in the round. The artform originates from Japan and is commonly associated with animal characters



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## feet

### make 2

**Round 1:** Using lemon yarn, make a magic ring for 6 sts (6 sts)

**Round 2:** Work 2 dc into ea st. (12 sts).

**Round 3:** \*1 dc in first st, 2 dc in next st\* six times. (18 sts).

**Round 4:** \*1 dc in first 2 sts, 2 dc in next st\* six times. (24 sts).

**Round 5:** To make a big toe: 5 ch, start second ch from hook,

1 dc in ea rem ch. As with hands, fold the circle in half, leaving a small gap to use as beginning for legs, sl st into the other side of the circle. Work 7 dc around the gap – this is the beginning of the leg.

**Round 6-10:** 1 dc in ea st around. (7 sts).

**Round 11-17:** Change to blue colour, 1 dc in ea st around. (7 sts).

Fasten off, add a

piece of pipe cleaner instead of stuffing into the leg and attach to the body.

## t-shirt

### make 2

24 ch, start third ch from hook.

**Row 1:** 1 tr in ea st along. (22 sts).

**Row 2-4:** Turn work, 2 ch (counts as a st), 1 tr in ea st. (22 sts).

**Row 5:** Starting from last st of Row 4, 7 ch, start third ch from hook, 1 tr in ea rem

ch, then 1 tr in ea rem st until you reach the end of the row, add 5 sts using extended tr. (32 sts).

**Row 6:** Turn work, 2 ch (counts as a st), 1 tr in ea st. (32 sts). Fasten off. Sew the sides together or join using sl st, leaving a gap for the head to fit through. Attach the tail to the body to finish.